



DRAFT - Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Delaware State Police Troop 2
Robert Paris Community Room
Newark, DE 19702

DECC Voting Member Attendance:

Madeleine Bayard, Rodel Foundation of Delaware; Heidi Beck, Delaware Head Start Association; Cheryl Clendaniel, The Learning Center, Inc.; Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Department of Health and Social Services; Julie Johnson, Tender Loving Kare Child Care & Learning Centers; Kimberly Krzanowski, Office of Early Learning; Jacqueline Mette, Department of Services for Children, Youth, & Their Families; Leslie Newman, Children & Families First; Dr. Michelle Shaivitz, Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children

DECC Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Council Member Attendance:

Ed Freel, University of Delaware; Mary Moor, Prevention and Behavioral Health Services; Debbie Taylor, Child Care Aware of America; Betty Gail Timm, Office of Child Care Licensing

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Old Business

- Madeleine Bayard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

- The November 29th Delaware Early Childhood Council meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Delaware Stars 10 Year Anniversary

- Governor John Carney, Dr. Susan Bunting, and Kimberly Krzanowski recognized 41 early learning/school-age programs who joined Delaware Stars at its inception and who have continued to improve quality throughout the past 10 years. Madeleine Bayard thanked the founding partners of Stars, including the founding Early Childhood Council Chair Ann Wick, Evelyn Keating, United Way, Children and Families First, Social Venture Partners, and other leaders.
 - The link to the Delaware Stars video presented at the meeting can be referenced at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQXAAjLneSU&list=UUTJ6ZxTnL6SkxuqbUzZJ4MA>

4. Updates from the Office of Early Learning

- **Staffing Updates & MOU Coordination Team** - Kimberly Krzanowski presented OEL staffing and MOU Coordination Team updates for the Office of Early Learning. Additional information will be shared with the group when it becomes available.
- **Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)** – John Fisher-Klein updated the group on the status of the EHS-CCP.
- **New Website** – Tina Shockley updated the group on the status of the new Department of Education Office of Early Learning website which can be referenced at:
<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/534>

- **QRIS Re-design** – Caitlin Gleason and Kristy Sheffler presented updates on the status of the QRIS re-design.
 - A small guiding team has been assembled for the QRIS revision and they will guide this exploration by gathering information from providers, existing stakeholder groups, and national subject matter experts. After synthesizing this information, the group will make recommendations based on any common suggestions. If so, an implementation process will be designed.
 - Additional information about the QRIS re-design will be shared with the group when it becomes available.
- **DE Early Learner Survey Data** – Caitlin Gleason presented on the Delaware Early Learner Survey Data and additional updates will be shared with the group when they become available.

5. Suspension/Expulsion Best Practice Statement

- Belvie Herbert presented updates to the group on the Suspension/Expulsion Best Practice Statement.
 - September 30, 2018 is the compliance date given by the Federal Government.
 - The discussion surfaced issues and topics including:
 - Support for a state policy
 - Importance of behavioral health supports for early childhood staff and capacity availability to providers—including special ed services and mental health consultants
 - Roll out, communications, and implementation/monitoring of the policy
 - The Council urged the state and partners to strengthen the supports and technical assistance available to providers to support children and their families.
 - The Council reiterated the importance of the issue and looks forward to working with the state to implement the policy and the complementary supports.
 - The group was instructed to review the Suspension/Expulsion Best Practice Statement and to contact Belvie with questions or concerns at belvie.herbert@state.de.us

6. Sub-Committee Chair Reports

- **Early Learning Data and Policy**
 - Next meeting to be held in the spring. Notification will go out to the group once the meeting is scheduled.
- **Healthy Young Children and Families**
 - The last meeting was held on January 10, 2018.
 - Next meeting will be held on March 7, 2018 at 2:00pm in Dover at the Children and Families First Office located on 91 Wolf Creek Boulevard, Dover DE 19901.
- **Early Learning Programs and Workforce**
 - Next meeting to be held sometime around the end of March 2018. Notification will go out to the group once the meeting is scheduled.

7. Community Updates

- **DEAEC Pubic Policy Committee** – Dr. Michelle Shaivitz gave updates about public policy and Early Childhood Advocacy Day.
 - For public policy and advocacy updates please visit DEAEC's website at <https://deaec.org/advocacy/>
 - Early Childhood Advocacy day is schedule for May 9th and will be held in Dover, tentatively at the Dover Library. More information forthcoming once location is secured.

- DEAEYC is working on talking points for Advocacy Day and once completed they can be found on their website at: <https://deaeyc.org/>
- **Delaware Afterschool Network** – Tynetta Brown
 - The spring summit is currently in the planning stages, more details to come.

8. Future Meeting Topics, Additional Items and Close

- **Campaign for Grade Level Reading** – Madeleine and Cheryl are both on the subcommittee for School Readiness.
 - Please email Tina Shockley at Tina.Shockley@doe.k12.de.us if you wish to join any of the CGLR subcommittees.
- **Making a Difference Conference (MAD)** – The MAD conference will be held this year on April 13th and 14th at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover. For further information or to register please go to: <https://www.dieecpd.org/news/2018-making-a-difference-conference>
- **Other Announcements/Updates**
 - The Governor will be presenting his proposed budget to the Joint Finance Committee on February 8, 2018 at 1:00pm in Dover.
 - Debbie Taylor updated the group on the accomplishments of the Military Child Care project and that the Military Child Care Liaison Project is ending as of January 30, 2018.
- **Next Meeting** – March 8, 2018
 Location – Colwyck Center – Resource Room
 Address – 12 Landers Lane, New Castle, DE 19720
 From 9:00AM-11:00AM
- Madeleine Bayard adjourned the meeting at 11:05AM